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- 1 AN ACT Relating to voter registration at state agencies; and 2 amending RCW 29A.08.340.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.08.340 and 2003 c 111 s 225 are each amended to read as follows:
 - (1) A person may register to vote, transfer a voter registration, or change his or her name for voter registration purposes when he or she applies for or renews a driver's license or identification card under chapter 46.20 RCW.
- 10 (2) A person may also register to vote any time he or she receives
 11 an in-person public service from any state agency as defined by RCW
 12 42.52.010(1). An in-person public service includes reporting a change
 13 of address.
- 14 (3) All state agencies, as defined by RCW 42.52.010(1), shall have
 15 a link on the main agency web page to the secretary of state's voter
 16 registration web page.
- 17 <u>(4)</u> To register to vote, transfer his or her voter registration, or 18 change his or her name for voter registration purposes under this

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section, the applicant shall provide the information required by RCW 29A.08.210.

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- (((3))) (5) The ((driver licensing agent shall record that the applicant has requested to register to vote or transfer a voter registration)) state agencies providing voter registration services shall keep records of persons who:
- 7 (a) Request, apply, or receive an in-person state service, 8 including reporting a change of address;
- 9 <u>(b) Register to vote, transfer a voter registration, or decline to</u>
 10 either register to vote or transfer a voter registration;
- 11 (c) Request a voter registration application but do not return it 12 to the agency staff.
- 13 (6) The secretary of state shall produce an annual report from this data on a county by county basis.
- 15 (7) State agencies shall ensure that no government employee shall:
- 16 <u>(a) Attempt to influence an applicant's political preference or registration;</u>
 - (b) Display any political preference or allegiance;
- 19 <u>(c) Make any statement that would discourage an applicant from</u> 20 <u>registering to vote; or</u>
- 21 (d) Make any statement that would lead an applicant to believe that 22 a decision to register or not to register to vote has any bearing on 23 the availability of the public service or assistance.

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